

Judicial Center Annex -- No. 100300

Category **Public Safety**
Agency **Courts**
Planning Area **Rockville**
Relocation Impact **None.**

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Required Adequate Public Facility

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NO

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY03	Est. FY04	Total 6 Years	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design and Supervision	7,142	98	257	6,787	0	144	1,837	2,649	1,165	992	0
Land											
Site Improvements and Utilities	5,502	0	0	5,502	0	0	0	0	1,902	3,600	0
Construction	31,802	0	0	31,802	0	0	0	0	10,503	21,299	0
Other	3,373	0	0	3,373	0	0	0	0	546	2,827	0
Total	47,819	98	257	47,464	0	144	1,837	2,649	14,116	28,718	0

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

G.O. Bonds	47,464	0	0	47,464	0	144	1,837	2,649	14,116	28,718	0
Current Revenue: General	355	98	257	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000)

DESCRIPTION

This project provides for the design and construction of the first phase of a two-phase annex for the Montgomery County Judicial Center. Phase 1 and 2 combined will provide for build-out of 17 to 23 new courtrooms.

JUSTIFICATION

The Judicial Center's courtrooms are all assigned to current judicial positions leaving no room for new Circuit Court judge positions. On March 1, 2002, the Juvenile Court for Montgomery County transferred from the District to the Circuit Court. There is no room in the Judicial Center to house the Juvenile Division. This results in the Circuit Court operating from two courthouses in the Rockville core. URS Inc., projects the County will need 22 Circuit Court judges by 2005, 31 by 2020, and 34 by 2025 to meet workload. There is no room for future expansion of other offices such as the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Office of the State's Attorney, Sheriff's Office, and Register of Wills that are projected to grow to support the Court.

Plans and Studies

October 2003 Judicial Center Annex Project Report (URS/FENTRESS). October 2003 Courtroom Utilization Study (URS/FENTRESS). August 2003 Planning Drawings for Phases 1 and 2 (URS). November 2001 Circuit Court Facilities Needs Report (Vitetta Group). February 1998 Montgomery County Circuit Court Facility Master Plan, Impact of Family Court, and Staff and Space Requirements reports (Vitetta Group), Rockville core plan. Courtrooms are designed to meet National Center for State Court standards. Vitetta options included housing courtrooms in the Grey Courthouse, renovating the Judicial Center to add courtrooms with an annex for support space, and building a courthouse annex. URS developed both Phases 1 and 2 in greater detail and extends Phase 1 from 2010 to 2015 and Phase 2 from 2020 to 2025. Pedestrian Safety will be considered during design.

Cost Change

The cost change is based on URS planning drawings for Phase 1. The total gross square footage has been increased to reflect Phase 1 court needs at 2015 rather than at 2010. Also, costs are adjusted for inflation and change in project scope.

OTHER

The 2001 Vitetta study concluded that to meet the need for 31 courtrooms, a new court annex is the least costly, has the smallest operating budget impacts, is the easiest to construct, and has the shortest construction time of the three options studied. For fiscal planning reasons, the County Council has requested that the full annex be designed to be built in two phases. The current plan requires the State's Attorney Office to be relocated from the Judicial Center. A long term lease with parking for the State's Attorney Office will add an estimated \$1,150,000 in annual operating costs. Annex also includes construction of a new sallyport to permit larger vans/buses to mitigate Sheriff's staff operating costs. The Council requests a technology plan with cost estimate by January 15, 2006.

FISCAL NOTE

This PDF uses construction costs associated with a partial annex of 11 courtrooms.

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA

Date First Appropriation	FY03	(\$000)
Initial Cost Estimate		40,555
First Cost Estimate		
Current Scope	FY05	47,819
Last FY's Cost Estimate		40,455
Present Cost Estimate		47,819
Appropriation Request	FY05	0
Appropriation Request Est.	FY06	144
Supplemental Appropriation Request	FY04	0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		355
Expenditures/Encumbrances		348
Unencumbered Balance		7
Partial Closeout Thru	FY02	0
New Partial Closeout	FY03	0
Total Partial Closeout		0

COORDINATION

Circuit Court
Office of the Sheriff
State's Attorney's Office
Register of Wills
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Department of Public Works and Transportation
Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission
M-NCPPC
City of Rockville

Special Capital Projects Legislation will be proposed by the County Executive.

MAP

